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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Examiner's Office Action mailed January 30, 1997 having a three month shortened statutory period for response. Also included in this mailing is a request for extension of one month after expiration of said SSP on April 30, 1997. Accordingly, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

In the Drawings:

The proposed drawing corrections including the objections raised in the prior office action mailed January 26, 1996 regarding lettering, numbering and line characterization have been received. Corrections to these noted defects will be promptly made upon Examiner's Notice of Allowance for this application.

Additionally, a corrected Figure 9 has been included herewith for the exclusive purpose of examination. As shown:

Please delete reference numeral "33" and insert "35" which refers to a cover.

Please insert reference numeral "33" which refers to a cushion assembly having a cover

35, lower cushion 163 and upper cushion 164.

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